

Stated Meeting, February 6, 1885.

Present, 14 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Dr. Mallet, Dr. Parvin, and Mr. Hockley, new members, were presented to the Chair and took their seats.

Donations for the Library were received from the Royal Society of New South Wales; the Royal Central Institute of Meteorology and Terrestrial Magnetism at Vienna; the Geographical Society at Halle; the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries at Copenhagen; the Royal Society of Science at Upsal; Flora Batava; the Royal Academy of Sciences, Letters and Fine Arts of Belgium; Dr. Giulio Carroti of Milan; the Bureau of Longitudes, the Zoölogical, Anthropological, Geographical, American Antiquarian Societies, the Society for Japanese Studies, the Ethnographical Institution, the International Congress of Orientalists, the Oriental Athenæum and Mr. Schœbel of Paris; the Musée Guimet; the Société d'Emulation of Abbeville; the Royal Academy of History at Madrid; the Royal Geographical, Geological, Asiatic, Antiquarian Societies of London; the Royal Institution; Victoria Institute; the Kew Observatory; London Nature; the Royal Dublin Society; the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; the Boston Society of Natural History; Prof. Charles A. Young; the American Philological Association; the American Journal of Science; Mr. Alexander Graham Bell; Yale College; J. W. Lovell & Co., Publishers, of New York; Dr. E. W. Syle; Prof. Henry Carvill Lewis; Lea Brothers & Co., of Philadelphia; Johns Hopkins University; Department of the Interior; the United States Civil Service Commission; the Light-House Board; the War Department; the Chicago Historical Society; the State Bureaus of Labor Statistics at Pullman, Ill.; the University of Michigan, and the Geological and Natural History Survey of Minnesota.

Letters of acknowledgment for Proceedings No. 116, and Reg-

ister of Papers, &c., were read from the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia; Smithsonian Institution; Library Company of Philadelphia; New Jersey Historical Society; Pennsylvania Historical Society; College of Physicians; Connecticut Historical Society; Wyoming Historical and Geographical Society; American Antiquarian Society; Essex Institute; University of the City of New York; United States Naval Institute; Georgia Historical Society; Chicago Historical Society; the United States Military Academy; Cincinnati Observatory; Wisconsin Historical Society; West Chester Philosophical Society; New Hampshire Historical Society; Boston Public Library; Boston Athæneum, and the New York State Library; Prof. W. LeConte Stevens; Prof. Thomas C. Porter; Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr.; Prof. John J. Stevenson; Prof. C. H. F. Peters; Prof. J. M. Hart; Mr. Thomas Hockley (114, 115, 116); Prof. J. W. Moore (114, 115, 116); Kansas Historical Society.

Letters of acknowledgment were also read from Royal Society of Edinburgh (114 and 115); R. Instituto Lombardo; Statistical Society of London (115); Societas Fauna et Flora Finnica (107, 108, 113, 114, 115), asks for 109, 110, 111, 112.

Letters accepting membership in the Society were read from Prof. John W. Mallet, Prof. William Osler, Prof. Samuel W. Gross, Prof. James C. Wilson, Prof. George Inman Riché, Hon. George L. Harrison, Hon. Samuel J. Randall, Mr. Edward H. Weil, Mr. Thomas Hockley, Mr. Samuel Wagner, of Philadelphia; from Prof. Lyman B. Hall, Ph.D., Haverford College, Pa.; and Prof. John W. Moore, M.D., Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.

Letters of envoy were received from the Department of the Interior, and La Société Royale des Sciences d'Upsal.

Letters were read from the Bureau of Ethnology (Washington) asking for several copies of Proceedings No. 115; from the Societas pro Flora et Fauna Funica, asking for Proceedings Nos. 109, 110, 111, 112; from the Mercantile Library Company of Philadelphia, asking for certain volumes to complete its set of Transactions, all of which requests were granted.

The University of Michigan was ordered to be placed on the list of exchanges, and as full a set as possible of the Society's Proceedings and Transactions ordered to be made up and sent to its Library.

Letters were received from members subscribing to the Proceedings of the Society to be issued quarterly hereafter.

The death of Herman Kolbe, of Leipzig, was announced as having taken place on November 26, 1884, aged 66 years.

The President announced that he had appointed Dr. J. T. Rothrock, to prepare an obituary notice of the late Vice-President, Eli K. Price, and that the appointment had been accepted.

Prof. Dr. Hayes Agnew, M.D., read by appointment, an obituary notice of the late Rev. Elias R. Beadle.

Rev. E. W. Syle, made a communication on Education in China.

Prof. E. D. Cope, made a communication on the Systematic position of the *Pterichtys* in the Red Sandstone, illustrating his remarks with specimens.

Dr. D. G. Brinton presented a communication from Miss Abby L. Alger (of Boston), entitled "A Collection of Words and Phrases from the Passamaquoddy Tongue," also a communication from Dr. Otto Stoll (of Zürich), entitled "Supplementary Remarks to the Grammar of the Cakchiquel Language, edited by Dr. Brinton in the Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society."

Mr. Phillips presented a further note on the letter *Zed*; "Captain R. C. Temple, of Ambálá, Pánjâb, India, editor 'Pánjâb notes and queries' writes me: 'If *Zed* (as I think with Isaac Taylor) is really equivalent to *tsadde*, then it would bear the same value as the Arabic *sād* or *zād*; this if spoken of by Arabs specifically, would be *El-zad*, which by a well known euphonic law in Arabic would be pronounced as *ezzād*; perhaps the original of the word *izzard*.'

"Another correspondent has been good enough to call to my attention that in a paper read at the October meeting, 1876, of the Spelling Reform Association, Prof. Haldeman, speak-

ing of the letter z, says it represents the *third* sound in *wisdom*."

Pending nomination, No. 1049, was read.

The President reported that he had received and passed over to the Treasurer the quarterly interest of the Michaux legacy last due, amounting to \$133.07.

The vacancy in the Committee on the Michaux legacy was filled by the election of Mr. Thomas Meehan.

On motion of Dr. Brinton, it was resolved that a fixed price of four dollars a volume should be charged for the Proceedings to non-members, and one dollar to members not paying annual subscription.

On motion of Dr. Brinton, a letter from G. P. Putnam's Sons, (New York City, N. Y.), in relation to a price list of the publications of learned societies was referred to the Secretaries with permission to act.

The rough minutes were read, and the Society was adjourned by the President.

Stated Meeting, February 20, 1885.

Present, 7 members.

Secretary, Dr. BRINTON, in the Chair.

Prof. Lyman B. Hall (of Haverford), a new member, was presented to the Chair and took his seat.

Donations for the Library were received from the Royal Society of New South Wales; the Bureau of Statistics at Stockholm; the Natural History Society at Bamberg; Dr. G. Vom Rath, of Bonn; the Geographical Society at Paris; the Annales des Mines; Mr. James Jackson; the Royal Astronomical Society; London Nature; the Journal of Forestry; Dr. Benjamin Ward Richardson; the Peabody Museum; the Essex